

*Amendments to the Claims*

1. (Currently Amended) A washing machine, comprising:  
a tub holding laundry, water and detergent;  
a detergent storing assembly storing the detergent and providing the detergent to the tub on washing;  
a cabinet having the tub installed inside wherein the detergent storing assembly is loaded on a loading hole formed at one side of the cabinet; and  
a packing means sealing a gap between the detergent storing assembly and the cabinet to prevent external water from flowing in the cabinet,  
wherein the lid frame comprises an insertion groove to which the packing means is fitted.

2. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent storing assembly comprises:  
a detergent box provided to the loading hole to store the detergent, and  
a lid part fixed to a topside of the detergent box to open/close.

3. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 2, the lid part comprising:  
a lid frame fixed to the detergent box and having an opening at a center to ~~put~~ permit the detergent in the detergent box; and  
a revolvable lid installed at one side of the lid frame to open/close the topside of the detergent box.

4. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 3, wherein a bottom of the lid frame is mounted on a periphery of the loading hole.

5. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 4, wherein the packing means is provided between the bottom of the lid frame and a rim of the loading hole.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 6, wherein the insertion groove is formed at the bottom of the lid frame except a portion to which the lid is connected.

8. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 7, wherein the packing means comprises a gasket fitted to the insertion groove, a gasket partially protruding therefrom.

9. (Currently Amended) The washing machines as claimed in claim 8, wherein the gasket comprises;

a first gasket inserted in a front portion of the insertion groove of the lid frame; and

a second gasket inserted in a rear portion of the insertion groove of the lid frame.

10. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim [[6]] 1, wherein a plurality of inclined protrusions are formed on an inside of the insertion groove to have the packing means slide to be inserted thereon.

11. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the loading hole is formed at a topside of the cabinet.

12. (New) A washing machine, comprising:  
a tub for holding laundry, water and detergent;  
a detergent storing assembly for storing the detergent and providing the detergent to the tub on washing;

a cabinet having a side with a loading hole extending through the side and the tub installed inside the cabinet wherein the detergent storing assembly is mounted in the loading hole and a gap is formed between the detergent storing assembly and the loading hole of the cabinet; and

packing means sealing the gap between the detergent storing assembly and the cabinet to prevent external water from flowing in the cabinet through the gap.

13. (New) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, wherein the detergent storing assembly comprises:

a detergent box to receive and store the detergent; and

a lid part fixed to a topside of the detergent box to open/close.

14. (New) The washing machine as claimed in claim 13, the lid part comprising:

a lid frame fixed to the detergent box and having an opening at a center to permit the detergent to be placed in the detergent box; and

a revolvable lid installed at one side of the lid frame to open/close the topside of the detergent box.

15. (New) The washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein a bottom of the lid frame is mounted on a periphery of the loading hole.

16. (New) The washing machine as claimed in claim 15, wherein the packing means is provided between the bottom of the lid frame and a rim of the loading hole.

17. (New) The washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the lid frame comprises an insertion groove to which the packing means is fitted.

18. (New) The washing machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein the insertion groove

is formed at the bottom of the lid frame except a portion to which the lid is connected.

19. (New) The washing machines as claimed in claim 12, wherein the packing means is a gasket comprising:

a first gasket inserted in a front portion of the insertion groove of the lid frame; and

a second gasket inserted in a rear portion of the insertion groove of the lid frame.

20. (New) The washing machine as claimed in claim 17, wherein a plurality of inclined protrusions are located on an inside of the insertion groove for slidably receiving the packing means thereon.